Rehabilitation of Child Workers

3568. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had evolved any scheme to rehabilitate the child workers;

(b) whether any State has such type of a scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any private Institution working for it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and in what way Government are proposing to help them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) 'Yes', Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) 'No', Sir. However, under the various schemes of the Government aimed at benefiting child labour directly and indirectly, NGOs have been involved in a large way. Depending on the scheme, NGO's are financially supported partially or wholly for the implementation of various programmes/projects.

Non-payment of P.F. Loans to the Workers of M/s Unity Steel Company (Private) Ltd.

3569. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that all the workers and employees of M/s Unity Steel Company (Private) Limited, mini steel factory at Bhavnagar, Gujarat have been deprived of their monthly salaries for five months and therefore, they have applied for Provident Fund loan of Rupees 5,000/- each;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the concerned Provident Fund Office has failed to give them loan and is acting contrary to the Provident Fund Act; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The establishment is reported to be under closure. Under the EPF Scheme, 1952 there is no provision for grant of loan to the subscribers. During the last one year 157 applications for advance from P.F. were received by the RPFC, Gujarat. All the claims found complete and admissible under the scheme have been settled.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Condition of Women Labourers in Tea Gardens

3570. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the condition of women labourers working in Tea Gardens and in different industries in the country;

(b) how many women labourers are working in different industries;

(c) what is the position of women labourers in industrial sectors; and

(d) whether Government have taken any action to safeguard the working women's rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Plantations Labour Act, 1951 contains provisions for assuring to the workers reasonable amenities viz., supply of wholesome drinking water and suitable educational and medical facilities and provision for canteen and creches, provision for latrines and urinals of prescribed types for females separately, housing accommodation for each workers is also to be provided.